

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF DISMISSING) PETITIONS FOR AN ORDER OF) PROTECTION THAT ARE) ABANDONED) <hr style="width: 100%;"/>)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2005-046
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Whereas the Family Court Department changed its business practices effective November 1, 2004, and is now tracking cases involving only a Petition for an Order of Protection separately in its case management database; and

Whereas the courts are available at all times to hear Petitions for Orders of Protection, and give such Petitions priority for hearing. Parties wishing to obtain an Order of Protection normally do routinely present Petitions to the court on the same day they are filed; and

Whereas some Petitions for Orders of Protection are filed but never presented to a judicial officer for consideration for a variety of reasons unique to each case and known only to the Petitioners; and

Whereas the court is required to appropriately address all petitions that are filed with the court in a prompt and judicious manner.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Court Administration shall dismiss any Petition for an Order of Protection that is filed and not presented to the court for consideration within 30 days after the Petition is filed.

2. All such dismissals shall be without prejudice and shall not limit any party from filing subsequent Petitions for Orders of Protection.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2005.

**Hon. Norman J. Davis, Presiding Judge
Family Court Department**

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